

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3014 - HB 3408

February 24, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases all fines for violations of safety belt laws to \$50. Requires \$20 of the fine be distributed to the Child Safety Fund, \$15 to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and \$15 to the General Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – \$1,331,900/Child Safety Fund
\$957,300/General Fund
\$149,000/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

Increase Local Revenue – \$128,400

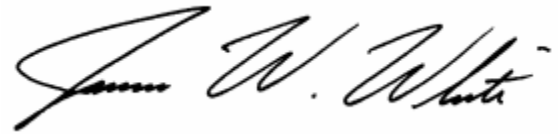
Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety (DOS), in FY08-09 there were approximately 70,100 citation fines collected with an average fine of \$13.38.
- According to DOS, in FY08-09 the state collected approximately \$891,500 in safety belt fines and local court clerks retained approximately \$46,900.
- Currently, \$849,900 or 95.3 percent of state fine revenue is allocated from the General Fund to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The remaining \$41,600 is allocated to the General Fund without earmarks.
- Total state fine revenue under this bill will be approximately \$3,329,800 (70,100 x \$50 x 95%). Local fine revenue for county clerks will be approximately \$175,300 (70,100 x \$50 x 5%).
- Approximately \$1,331,900 (70,100 x \$20 x 95%) will be allocated to the Child Safety Fund. An increase of \$1,331,900.
- Approximately \$998,900 (70,100 x \$15 x 95%) will be allocated to General Fund and earmarked for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. An increase of \$149,000 (\$998,900 - \$849,900).
- Approximately \$998,900 (70,100 x \$15 x 95%) will be allocated to the General Fund. An increase of \$957,300 (\$998,900 - \$41,600).

- An increase of approximately \$128,400 to local government for county clerk fees (\$175,300 - \$46,900).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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